

**Requesting Search and Rescue Assistance**  
*From*  
**Virginia Department of Emergency Management**  
**Emergency Operations Center**

*Call*  
**800 468-8892**

**Information To Provide:**

- Name and cell phone of requesting officer / OIC *on the scene*.
- Name, age, and sex of missing party, if known.
- Place and time last seen.
  - If possible – provide GPS coordinate of Point Last Seen.
- Subject was reported missing \_\_\_\_\_
  - By: family, friends, teacher, employer, etc.
  - To: which jurisdiction?
  - Time: at what time did you receive the request / report?
- Location and directions to search base.
  - Route numbers are preferred to road names.
- Summary of circumstances
- Subject category if known. *Examples....*
  - Alzheimer's or other dementia related subjects
  - Cadaver / Evidence
  - Missing Child
  - Despondent
  - Hiker
  - Hunter
  - Psychotic
  - Suspected Drowning
  - Other

- Search and Rescue resources requested:
  - Aircraft
    - Fixed-wing
      - Search /Electronic Detection / SDIS / Airborne Repeater
    - Rotary-wing
      - Search / FLIR / Spot Light / MedEvac
  - Air-Scent Dogs
    - Area search – live subject
    - Cadaver / Evidence Detection
      - Article Detection (clothing / implements)
      - Body Fluids
      - Partial Body
      - Skeletal Remains (buried or not)
    - Submerged Detection (water dogs)
      - Drowning Victims
      - Homicide Victims
  - Cave Rescue / Recovery
  - Electronic Detection Teams
    - ELT / EPIRB / PLB Beacons
    - Project Lifesaver (subject must have bracelet)
  - Ground Searchers
    - Hasty Teams
    - Grid Teams
    - Team Leaders (trained to lead local volunteers)
    - Evacuation Teams
  - High-Angle / Technical Rescue
  - Mantrackers
    - Detailed clue / evidence detection
    - Ability to ‘age’ sign
    - Determine direction of travel
    - Can validate track of trailing dogs
  - Mounted Search
    - Equine
    - Motorized
  - Search Planners / Managers
    - Establish and define search area
    - Generate search plan
    - Manage the overall search operation
    - Document activities of search effort
  - Tracking / Trailing Dogs
    - Hot Track
    - Scent Discriminating